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Re: Application of Dieter BRUECKNER, Franz-Josef GOETZ, Dieter KLOTZ, Karl-Heinz KRAUSE, Juergen SCHIMMER
METHOD FOR ACCESSING A COMMAND UNIT FOR A DATA NETWORK
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
Our Ref. Q79459

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-four (24) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and three (3) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), along with an International Search Report with partial translation and three (3) references.

Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE0203444, filed September 13, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application.

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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and excess independent claim fee of \$86.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



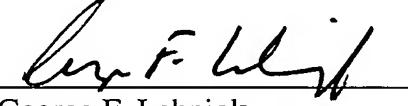
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